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**ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION
FOR WEEK ENDING 29-Sep-07 (THOUSAND HEAD)**

	CURRENT WEEK 09/29/07	PREVIOUS WEEK 09/22/07
Broiler/fryer	175,410	171,671
Light hens	1,115	1,151
Heavy hens	1,546	1,523

U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN CANADA

	WEEK ENDING 22-Sep-07 (THOUSAND HEAD)		
	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL
Head	303	0	303
Head sltr Comparisons			
Last Week	463	3	466
Same week yr ago	94	0	94
To-date/2007	9,827	26	9,853
To-date/2006	5,964	26	5,990

SOURCE: AGRICULTURE CANADA, POULTRY DEVELOPMENT DIVISION

Total U. S. fowl slaughter in the U. S. and Canada

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL
Head	1,405	1,548	2,953
Head sltr Comparisons			
Last Week	1,410	1,554	2,964
Same week yr ago	1,148	1,384	2,532
To-date/2007	51,727	55,121	106,848
To-date/2006	47,582	56,199	103,781

**LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION
WEEK ENDING 22-Sep-07 (THOUSAND HEAD)**

	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
Head	170,377	1,102	1,548	2,650
Avg Wt	5.58	3.36	8.23	6.20
Head sltr comparisons				
Last week	168,326	947	1,551	2,498
Same wk yr ago	165,750	1,054	1,384	2,438
Avg Wt	5.49	3.36	8.11	6.06
To-date/2007	6,112,788	41,900	55,095	96,995
To-date/2006	6,132,473	41,618	56,173	97,791

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based 169.1 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 172.4 million head, or 3.3 million more than estimated available.

YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION,
CLASSIFIED BY LIVE WEIGHT, WEEK ENDING 22-Sep-07

	(A) 4.25 lbs & down	(B) 4.26 - 6.25 lbs	(C) 6.26 - 7.75 lbs	(D) 7.76 lbs & up	Total
Head	36,676	89,522	31,019	13,160	170,377
Avg Live Wgt	3.90	5.37	7.06	8.24	5.58
% of total /1	22%	52%	18%	8%	100%
Last week	41,231	84,820	32,484	9,791	168,326
Avg Live Wgt	3.84	5.35	7.08	8.20	5.48
% of total /1	25%	50%	19%	6%	100%
Year Ago 2/	45,348	84,922	18,623	16,857	165,750
Avg Live Wgt	3.90	5.43	7.01	8.08	5.49
% of total /1	27%	51%	11%	10%	100%
To date/2007	1,638,716	3,073,666	988,715	411,691	6,112,788
To date/2006	1,768,327	3,024,758	864,035	475,353	6,132,473

/1 May not total to 100% due to rounding.

/2 Comparable week.

Weight Class Description:

- (A) This size product is normally marketed bone-in into fast food and food service sectors and may include Cornish hens.
- (B) This size product is normally marketed into the retail grocery sector in tray pack or bagged forms.
- (C) This size product is normally marketed either into the retail grocery sector in tray pack and IQF form or is further processed and marketed into various sectors.
- (D) This size product is normally marketed deboned or as roasters or roasting chicken.

LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED WEEK ENDING 22-Sep-07
(THOUSAND HEAD)

	YOUNG (B)		YOUNG	OLD	TOTAL
	HENS	TOMS	BREEDERS	BREEDERS	
Head	2,036	2,801	28	21	4,886
Avg Wt	16.38	36.99	27.15	28.41	28.31
Head sltr comparisons ⁸²					
Last week	2,112	2,753	52	2	4,919
Same wk yr ago	1,981	2,585	17	1	4,584
Avg Wt	18.02	36.73	25.99	61.42	28.61
To-date/2007	74,731	98,854	876	202	174,663
To-date/2006	72,927	96,628	908	178	170,641

SOURCE: USDA/AMS POULTRY PROGRAMS, MARKET NEWS BRANCH.
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